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TO AMEMBASSY NIAMEY

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AMEMBASSY LAGOS

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, NG, US, PGOV

SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR DIALLO DISCUSSES NIGER COUP WITH ASST  
SEC EASUM

1. NIGER AMB. DIALLO MET ASSISTANT SECRETARY EASUM, AT  
FORMER'S REQUEST, ON APRIL 26 FOR DISCUSSION COUP-RELATED  
EVENTS AND US ASSISTANCE TO NIGER. DIALLO EXPLAINED THAT  
HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CONTINUE HIS FUNCTIONS FOR PRESENT  
ADDING HE RETURNING TO NIAMEY FOR CONSULTATIONS APRIL 30.  
(DIALLO SAID ALL NIGER AMBASSADORS BEING RECALLED TO NIAMEY  
AT THIS TIME.)

2. AMBASSADOR, NOTABLY CAUTIOUS IN DISCUSSING NEW REGIME,  
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SAID HE HAS KNOWN COL. KOUNTCHE LONG TIME AND SEES HIM AS

SOLID PROFESSIONAL SOLDIER, NOT UNDER ANY FOREIGN CONTROL. HE SEES NEW GOVERNMENT ONE OF CONTINUITY, WITH CHANGES ONLY AT TOP, NOT BENT ON MAJOR MODIFICATION EXISTING POLICIES. DIALLO STRESSED HIS VIEWS ARE ONLY IMPRESSIONS, AS NO KNOWLEDGEABLE NIGERIEN HAS YET COME TO US SINCE COUP.

3. REGARDING URANIUM, DIALLO FEELS NEW GOVERNMENT WILL BE OBLIGED TO CONTINUE DIORI'S POLICY OF SEEKING MORE RETURN TO GO FROM URANIUM OPERATIONS. NEGOTIATIONS WITH FRENCH AND OTHERS MUST CONTINUE - SPECIFICALLY DIALLO URGED THAT ESSO PURSUE ITS NEGOTIATIONS WITH NEW GOVERNMENT.

4. WHEN QUERIED IF HE EXPECTED SEE DIORI ON CURRENT TRIP TO NIGER, DIALLO SAID HE HOPED SO. AMBASSADOR RECALLED HE HAD HEARD DIORI AND BOUBOU BEING HELD VILLA VERTE (PHON.) NEAR PALACE. MR. EASUM ASKED DIALLO EXTEND HIS PERSONAL REGRETS TO DIORI FOR DEATH OF WIFE AND REGARDS FOR DIORI'S CONTINUED GOOD HEALTH. AMBASSADOR DEPICTED LOSS OF LIFE DURING COUP AS MOST REGRETTABLE ASPECT, ADDING REGIMES MAY CHANGE BUT LIFE IS PRECIOUS.

5. MEETING CONCLUDED WITH LENGTHY DISCUSSION NIGER REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE WITH PURCHASE SEED PEANUTS, WHICH MR. EASUM DISCUSSED ALONG LINES STATE 84420. RUSH

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